

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
YOUNGSTOWN
February 25, 2023

Present: The Reverend Gayle Catinella, Brenda Barry, Jon Caguiat, Elizabeth Cianciola, Lance Grahn, Tony Manhollan, and Martie Witt

Absent: Joe DeNiro, Jonathan Huff, Liz Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with morning prayer led by Rev. Gayle.

The following vestry officers were elected by acclamation:

- Senior Warden, Tony Manhollan
- Junior Warden (Properties Commission liaison), Martie Witt
- Treasurer, Jon Caguiat
- Clerk, Lance Grahn

The 2022 parochial report was reviewed and approved by acclamation.

The January 2023 Treasurer's Report was presented by Jon Caguiat

- Operating Fund Balance is (\$24,688.80).
- Total Expenses were \$37,413.12.
- Total Income was \$12,724.32.
- Current Pledges are at 78.32%.

Motion to approve: Elizabeth Cianciola Second: Tony Manhollan All in favor.

The Vestry discussed the results of the survey sent out after the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The Vestry discussed the budget situation for 2023. The current proposed resolution to the anticipated \$60,000 deficit in the annual operating budget is:

- \$14,600 in new pledges
- \$10,000 from a recalculated endowment draw using a 3-year rolling average
- \$20,000 taken from the Memorials, Boar's Head, and Altar Guild funds (\$10,000; \$5,000; and \$5,000, respectively)
- \$15,000 in new revenue from the rental of the church building for weddings

Other than the new pledges, the remaining proposals await discussion by the appropriate committees, including the Finance Comm

The Vestry discussed a draft wedding policy framework provided by Rev. Gayle. Following discussion, the payments to the officiant, organist, and sexton were increased to \$225 each, the payments to the Altar Guild and Wedding Coordinator to \$100 each, and the total rental cost to \$3000. Rev. Gayle will further elaborate the wedding formulary in keeping with church requirements and consultation with the organist and sexton.

The Vestry discussed the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival for the coming year. It anticipates that

- The Boar's Head performances will become the primary fundraiser for St. John's
- 2 performances will continue
- No meals will be served
- Ticket prices may be increased
- Higher ticket prices for reserved seating will be considered

Additional fundraising ideas included

- Restaurant give-back program, perhaps beginning with Chipotle
- Food Truck Sundays (or Saturdays)
- Fundraising activities on Kick-Off Sunday, such as lemonade and dessert booths
- Lemonade and dessert booths at other Youngstown-area events
- Antique auction
- 50/50 auctions
- Rent-a-Person

Brenda Barry will be the principal thank-you note writer for the Vestry in 2023.

The Vestry engaged in a general discussion about the life and future of the parish.

The Vestry retreat concluded at 1:35 p.m. with a prayer led by Rev. Gayle

The Vestry will next meet on March 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved as corrected 9 March 2023

Motion to approve: Martie Witt Second: Jonathan Huff All in favor.



Lance Grahn (Clerk)

